(b) to (d) A meeting was held on 24.12.2004 with the respresentatives of employees and employers as per provision under Section 15 of the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946. The matter is still under consideration and will be decided in consultation with all the Stake holders.

New Programme for unorganised sector workers

966. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have embarked on major new Government funded programmes for unorganized sector workers, and urban renewal;

(b) if so, the details worked out in this regard;

(c) the projects identified for this purpose;

(d) whether Government have drawn up any action plan for additional resources for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Increase in the unemployment

967. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent report of the ILO has pointed out that in spite of growth in reducing poverty and improving the living conditions of the people, unemployment reached a record high in India; and

(b) if so, the response of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) The ILO report titled "Labour and Social Trends in Asia and the Pacific 2005" have analysed the trends in the economic growth and the employment growth in the Asia and Pacific countries including India. As per the report, since 1999, the Indian economy has grown by 5.9% per year whereas unemployment rate has gone up from 2.2% in 1995 to 4.3% in 2000.